

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer-readable recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein~~ A computer-readable recording medium comprising:

a video stream; and

a plurality of pieces of copy control information, wherein

5 the video stream contains video composed of a plurality of frame images,

the plurality of pieces of copy control information indicates different restrictions on recording of a video signal that is converted from the frame images, the restrictions differing depending on quality levels at which the video signal is output,

each quality level shows one of a resolution level and a frame interval of the
10 frame images represented by the video signal, [[and]]

the plurality of pieces of copy control information includes a first piece of copy control information and a second piece of copy control information, the first piece of copy control information corresponding to a video signal representing either (i) material having the same frequency as that of NTSC or PAL and resolution equal to 1280 x 720 or higher or (ii) film
15 material, and the second piece of copy control information corresponding to a video signal representing NTSC or PAL material, and

the second piece of copy control information corresponding to a low-resolution level indicates less strict restriction than restriction indicated by the first piece of copy control information corresponding to a high-resolution level.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable recording medium according to Claim 2, wherein the copy control information corresponding to the low-resolution level indicates permission to record the video signal only a single time.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to Claim [[1]] 2, comprising:

a plurality of video streams, wherein

each piece of copy control information indicates a restriction on recording of a

5 video signal resulting from playback of one of the video streams.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to Claim [[1]] 2, further comprising:

playback section information defining a playback section of the video stream,

wherein

each piece of copy control information indicates a restriction on recording of a

video signal resulting from playback of the playback section.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to Claim [[1]] 2, further comprising:

playback path information defining a playback path of the video stream, wherein

each piece of copy control information indicates a restriction on recording of a

5 video signal resulting from playback of the video stream following the playback path.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A playback device for executing playback of video composed of a plurality of frame images, comprising:

a read unit operable to read a video stream from a recording medium;

a frame memory;

a video decoder operable to decode the video stream so as to sequentially obtain and write the frame images on the frame memory; and

an output unit operable to generate a video signal from the frame images sequentially written on the frame memory and output the video signal, wherein

the recording medium has a plurality of pieces of copy control information recorded thereon, the plurality of pieces of copy control information indicates different restrictions on recording of a video signal that is converted from the frame images, the restrictions differing depending on quality levels at which the video signal is output, wherein each quality level shows one of a resolution level and a frame interval of the frame images represented by the video signal, and

the plurality of pieces of copy control information includes a first piece of copy control information corresponding to a video signal representing either (i) material having the same frequency as that of NTSC or PAL and resolution equal to 1280 x 720 or higher or (ii) film material, and the second piece of copy control information corresponding to a video signal representing NTSC or PAL material, and

the second piece of copy control information indicates less strict restriction than restriction indicated by the first piece of copy control information,

the output unit includes an assigning subunit operable to assign, to the video signal, one of the plurality of pieces of copy control information corresponding to a quality level

25 of the video signal, indicating recording prohibition to the video signal of a high resolution level,
and copy control information indicating recording permission to the video signal of a low-
resolution level.

9. (Currently Amended) The playback device according to Claim [[7]] 8, further
comprising: (

 a connection unit operable to establish connection with a secure recording
medium; and

5 a judgment unit operable to judge whether the secure recording medium stores
therein a certificate of a right to loosen copy control, wherein

 the assigning subunit is operable to assign the copy control information only when
the judgment unit judges that the certificate is stored.

10. (Currently Amended) The playback device according to Claim [[7]] 8, wherein
 the recording medium stores the plurality of video streams,

 each of the plurality of pieces of copy control information is associated with one
of the video streams, and

5 the copy control information assigned by the assigning subunit is selected from
among pieces of copy control information which are associated with a video stream currently
played.

11. (Currently Amended) The playback device according to Claim [[7]] 8, wherein
 the recording medium stores therein a plurality of pieces of playback section

information each defining a playback section of the video stream, and

the copy control information assigned by the assigning subunit is selected from
5 among pieces of copy control information which are associated with a playback section currently
played.

12. (Currently Amended) The playback device according to Claim [[7]] 8, wherein
the recording medium stores therein a plurality of pieces of playback path
information each defining a playback path of the video stream, and
the copy control information assigned by the assigning subunit is selected from
5 among pieces of copy control information which are associated with a playback path currently
played.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A playback method for executing playback of video
composed of a plurality of frame images, comprising:

a reading step of reading a video stream from a recording medium;

a decoding step of decoding the video stream so as to sequentially obtain and
write the frame images on a frame memory of a computer; and

an output step of generating a video signal from the frame images sequentially
written on the frame memory and outputting the video signal, wherein

the recording medium stores therein a plurality of pieces of copy control
information recorded thereon, the plurality of pieces of copy control information indicates
different restrictions on recording of a video signal that is converted from the frame images, the
restrictions differing depending on quality levels at which the video signal is output, wherein

each quality level shows one of a resolution level and a frame interval of the frame images represented by the video signal , and

the plurality of pieces of copy control information includes a first piece of copy control information corresponding to a video signal representing either (i) material having the same frequency as that of NTSC or PAL and resolution equal to 1280 x 720 or higher or (ii) film material, and the second piece of copy control information corresponding to a video signal representing NTSC or PAL material, and

the second piece of copy control information indicates less strict restriction than restriction indicated by the first piece of copy control information, and

in the output step, the video signal is assigned one of the plurality of pieces of copy control information that corresponds to a quality level of the video signal, indicating recording prohibition to the video signal of a high resolution level, and copy control information indicating recording permission to the video signal of a low-resolution level.